

Amendments to the specification:

Please replace paragraph [0021] with the following:

- 5 Referring to Fig. 4, it is the schematic view of a backlight source 30B of a direct-type backlight unit according to the second embodiment of the present invention. As shown in Fig. 4, the composition of the backlight source 30B is similar to that of the backlight source 30A in Fig. 2. The only difference between the backlight source 30A in Fig. 2 and the backlight source 30 B is that the U-shaped lamps 36 in Fig. 4 are more closely arranged than the U-shaped lamps 36 in Fig. 2. As shown in Fig. 4, the inner surface of each U-shaped lamp 36 is adjacent to the inner surface of an adjacent U-shaped lamp 36, assuring a much more even luminous intensity of the light source on the display panel 32. As shown in Fig. 4, the U-shaped lamps 36 alternately face two opposite sides of the display panel 32. In addition, each of the U-shaped lamps 36 has an opening defined by its two ends and its bending portion, and one end of each of the U-shaped lamps 36 is positioned inside the opening of one of the adjacent U-shaped lamps 36 as shown in Fig.4. Alternatively, 20 the U-shaped lamps 36 can be arranged in a different manner based on product requirement on the premises that an even luminous intensity of the light source is assured and the abnormal accumulation of heat in the direct-type backlight unit 40 during operation is prevented.